GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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RUBBERISED ROADS
GUNIPATI RAMAIAH

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to build Rubberised Road using natural rubber;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any State Governments have expressed their willingness to cooperate with the Union Government for implementing the Rubberised Road Projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETI KHANDURI)

(a)&(b)Government have formulated policy to use modified bitumen with rubber/polymer including natural rubber as modifier, in the re-surfacing of National Highways and other centrally sponsored schemes, subject to its availability. Presently, provision of rubber/polymer modified bitumen surfacing have been sanctioned in 2675 kilometer length of National Highways in various States, out of which works on 972 kilometer length have been completed.

(c)&(d)In pursuance of the Government's policy, the Sates have also been advised to use rubber/polymer modified bitumen for road works in State Sector. However, details are not available as these fall under the purview of State Governments.